

Thursday, June 30, 1955 DUXBURY CLIPPER

Center Has Won Wide Acclaim

This year, Plymouth Rock Center will celebrate its 10th anniversary season. From a small start on the Cape where David Blair McClosky began a summer school for musicians in 1945, the idea of a center for people interested in performing under professional conditions with the additional opportunity to study with expert musicians on an actual production basis, evolved the present enterprise which took over the theater and grounds of the old Duxbury Playhouse in 1950. Since then the Center has grown rapidly. It now includes opera pro-

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ductions, drama, modern dance, orchestra and chamber concerts, along with an art school and instruction and therapy in voice, a children's orchestra, ballet class and matinee performances.

Many students have gone on to fine careers; Betty Hodges, who sang at the Center last year, has appeared on TV often this year and is now under contract to Arthur Godfrey; Lauren Driscoll is playing the second lead in *Kismet* on Broadway. Orchestra students are playing in the finest symphonies in the country and several of their younger theater personnel have gone on to work in TV and Hollywood.

Its Aim

Plymouth Rock Center was originally founded to create a training ground where young singers, orchestra players, actors and artists could work with professionals, while gaining practical experience.

This country lacked cultural centers where works of art could be presented under the less trying conditions of the non-commercial stage. The aim of the Center is to establish an interest in efforts of young people dedicated to making art live as a community force.

They bring to the public increasingly every season, the deeply felt contributions of their faculties and the dedication of their young people to making every production as outstanding as is possible anywhere in the theater world.

The Carl Johnsons of Tinkertown are at their summer cottage in Manomet.

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